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SUBJECT: RESURGENT "GULF NEWS AGENCY"

REF: DOHA 940

1. AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE FROM BROUHAHA LAST JANUARY, NOMENCLATURE OF PERSIAN GULF IS HIGHLY CHARGED EMOTIONAL ISSUE WITH SHAH AND VIRTUALLY ALL IRANIANS. ANY ATTEMPT TO CHANGE GEOGRAPHIC NAME OF THAT BODY OF WATER, PARTICULARLY BY SUBSTITUTING "ARABIAN" FOR "PERSIAN", WOULD UNDOUBTDLY BE MET BY KIND OF REACTION GOI EXHIBITED IN JANUARY, OR WORSE. IRANIANS BELIEVE, AND DEPT AGREES (STATE 19825), THAT HISTORICALLY PROPER TERMINOLOGY IS "PERSIAN GULF", AND GOI INTERPRETS ANY ARAB EFFORT TO MODIFY THAT NAME AS UNFRIENDLY AND AGGRESSIVE ACT REQUIRING RETALIATION.

2. ALTHOUGH GOI CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN THAT EVEN COMPROMISE

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TERM SUCH AS "GULF" IS UNACCEPTABLE, IN PRACTICE IT HAS ON

SEVERAL OCCASIONS INFORMALLY ACCEPTED THAT OR OTHER DODGE IN  
ORDER TO REDUCE TENSIONS AT CONFERENCES OR DURING OFFICIAL  
VISITS WHERE BOTH IRANIANS AND ARABS WERE INVOLVED. WE EXPECT  
THAT HAVING MADE POINT STRONGLY IN JANUARY SO THAT COUNTRIES  
ESTABLISHING PRESS AGENCY BACKED OFF FROM USE OF "ARABIAN  
GULF", GOI WILL NOW CLOSE ITS EYES TO TERM "GULF NEWS AGENCY"  
AND FIND SOME PLAUSIBLE RATIONALE FOR EXPLAINING ITS LACK OF  
REACTION. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WISE FOR US TO RAISE THIS QUESTION  
WITH IRANIANS, HOWEVER.  
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